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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT PRESS BRIEFING - JANUARY 11

FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE, FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS
FROM DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S PRESS BRIEFING FOR JANUARY 11,
1977:

Q. WHAT IS THE STATE DEPARTMENT APPRECIATION OF THE SHAH
OF IRAN'S INTENTIONS REGARDING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A
NUCLEAR CAPABILITY -- ESPECIALLY THE DEVELOPMENT OF A
NUCLEAR BOMB?

A. WE HAVE NO EVIDENCE THAT IRAN HAS NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN-
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TENTIONS. AS YOU KNOW, THE IRANIAN GOVERNMENT IS A PARTY
TO THE NONPROLIFERATION TREATY AND HAS SAID REPEATEDLY
THAT IT HAS NO INTENTION OF DEVELOPING NUCLEAR WEAPONS,
AND, FOR OUR PART, THE STATE DEPARTMENT HAS ACCEPTED THESE
ASSURANCES.

Q. IS THERE ANY APPRECIATION BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT ON
THE DECISION OF THE FRENCH COURT THIS MORNING TO RELEASE
ABU DAOUD IN SPITE OF THE REQUEST FOR EXTRADITION BY THE
ISRAELI GOVERNMENT AND THE BAVARIAN GOVERNMENT? DOES

THAT, IN YOUR EYES, SEEM COMPATIBLE WITH FRANCE'S
COMMITMENTS WITH THE ANTI-TERRORIST INTERNATIONAL GROUP?

A. LET ME JUST SAY THAT OUR REACTION TO THAT REPORT THAT
YOU REFER TO IS ONE OF DISMAY -- DISMAY THAT THROUGH
AN APPARENT LEGAL TECHNICALITY NEITHER WEST GERMAN NOR
ISRAELI COURTS WILL BE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO INTERROGATE
THIS MAN ABOUT THE BRUTAL AND REVOLTING MURDER OF

ATHLETES IN MUNICH. OUR DISMAY REFLECTS OUR ABHORRENCE -- OVER THE BRUTAL AND MINDLESS MURDERS AT MUNICH AND OUR STRONG CONVICTION THAT TERRORISTS SHOULD BE DEALT WITH STERNLY AND FIRMLY BY THE LEGAL AUTHORITIES OF ALL COUNTRIES.

Q. THIS APPEARS TO INDICATE THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT ACCEPTS THAT THIS MAN IS WHAT HE'S SUPPOSED TO BE -- THE MAN WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ORGANIZING THESE MURDERS. IS THAT SO?

A. HENRY, I WILL JUST STAND BY THE ANSWER I HAVE JUST GIVEN YOU.

Q. WILL THEY TRY TO BE --

Q. WILL THIS REACTION BE TRANSMITTED IN SOME WAY TO THE UNCLASSIFIED

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FRENCH GOVERNMENT?

A. I AM NOT AWARE THAT IT WILL BE, BUT WE ARE SAYING IT HERE PUBLICLY FROM THIS PODIUM.

Q. DID YOU ADVISE THE FRENCH BEFORE THE COURT DECISION WAS MADE ABOUT HOW THE U.S. FEELS ON THIS?

A. WE WERE NOT CONSULTED BY THE FRENCH OR INFORMED BY THE FRENCH.

Q. NEITHER THE WEST GERMANS OR THE ISRAELIS REACHED THE U.S. IN HOPES THAT THE U.S. MIGHT COMMUNICATE WITH THE FRENCH?

A. I AM NOT AWARE THAT THEY DID, BERNIE, BUT I COULD LOOK INTO THAT FOR YOU, I THINK.

Q. ARE YOU AWARE THAT ISRAEL HAS RECALLED ITS AMBASSADOR TO FRANCE, AND DID THE STATE DEPARTMENT SPEAK WITH ISRAEL ABOUT THAT POSSIBLE ACTION BEFORE IT WAS TAKEN?

A. I AM NOT AWARE OF IT, NO. I AM NOT AWARE OF THAT REPORT.

Q. ARE YOU SAYING, JOHN, THAT THE UNITED STATES DID NOT MAKE ITS OPINIONS KNOWN TO THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT PRIOR TO THE COURT ACTION?

A. I AM SAYING THAT WE WERE NOT CONSULTED OR INFORMED BY THE FRENCH.

Q. NO, NO. I UNDERSTAND THAT ANSWER. BUT ARE YOU SAYING
THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, THROUGH ITS REPRESENTATIVES
IN FRANCE, DID NOT TAKE THE INITIATIVE TO INFORM THE
FRENCH GOVERNMENT OF THE AMERICAN POSITION IN THIS CASE?
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A. LET ME TRY TO GET YOU AN ANSWER TO THAT.
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